

BIOPSY LOCALIZATION METHOD AND DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A biopsy localization device made according to the invention includes a
bioabsorbable element (34), such as a dehydrated collagen plug, delivered in a pre-delivery
state to a soft tissue biopsy site (18) of a patient by an element delivery device (32). The
10 bioabsorbable element preferably swells to fill the biopsied open region (26) and preferably is
palpably harder than the surrounding soft tissue at the biopsy site. The bioabsorbable
element permits the biopsy site to be relocated by palpation to eliminate the need to use
metallic clips during biopsies and often eliminates the need for a return to the radiologist for
15 pre-operative localization. In addition, the bioabsorbable element can be used as a
therapeutic tool for treatment of the diseased lesion and for hemostasis.

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